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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

Just after 3am this morning, officers identified the suspect vehicle as being stolen. The officers followed the vehicle down WW White road and radioed for more officers. The suspect traveled down Kay Ann and stopped at the intersection of Kay Ann at Carol Crest. The driver exited the stolen vehicle and kept his hands in the front pouch of the sweat shirt he was wearing. The officer's repeatedly ordered the suspect to show his hands and get on the ground. The suspect refused to comply with the officers commands. The suspect then reached back into the stolen vehicle and put his hand back into the front pouch of his sweet shirt. The suspect began advancing toward the officers still concealing his hands and refusing to comply with commands. As the suspect advanced, officers observed the suspect moving his hands within the pouch. Fearing that the suspect was armed both officers fired at the suspect striking him in the torso. The other two suspects in the stolen vehicle complied with the officer's commands and were taken into custody.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol Officer Emanuel Keith, a fifteen year veteran, and Officer Christopher Hetrick, a 13 week probationary officer, will be placed on administrative duty.

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